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January 14, 2000

The Honorable Anna Eshoo  
U. S. House of Representatives  
308 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's "Competitive Networks" initiative to facilitate the development of telecommunications competition in multiple tenant environments.

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
U. S. House of Representatives  
1020 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

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The Honorable Rick Boucher  
U. S. House of Representatives  
2329 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Boucher:

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The Honorable Ed Bryant  
U. S. House of Representatives  
408 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Bryant:

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The Honorable Thomas M. Davis, III  
U. S. House of Representatives  
224 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

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The Honorable Diana DeGette  
U. S. House of Representatives  
1339 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman DeGette:

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The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
U. S. House of Representatives  
315 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Ehrlich:

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U. S. House of Representatives  
2303 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Engel:

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The Honorable Bart Gordon  
U. S. House of Representatives  
2368 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
U. S. House of Representatives  
1511 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Congresswoman Johnson:

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The Honorable Ron Klink  
U. S. House of Representatives  
2448 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Klink:

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U. S. House of Representatives  
2416 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rush:

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The Honorable Bart Stupak  
U. S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Albert Wynn  
U. S. House of Representatives  
407 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wynn:

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The Honorable William Kennard, Chairman  
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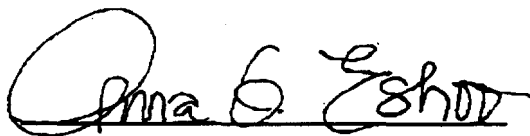
We understand ~~that~~ many consumers who work or live in multi-tenant buildings are experiencing **difficulty** in obtaining access to the telecommunications carrier of their choice. As you know, these problems are threatening the realization of the promise of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, a competitive telecommunications marketplace.

We support the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) effort to address **this** problem, as evidenced by the recent Notice of Proposed **Rulemaking**. Nevertheless, it has come to our attention ~~that~~ some Commissioners have expressed concerns over whether the FCC possesses the requisite authority to require multi-tenant building **owners** to allow telecommunications carriers access to their buildings.

As you know, the FCC retains substantial authority under the Communications Act over interstate radio and wire communications, including authority over facilities and services incidental to transmission. If residents or businesses are restricted in their access to radio or wire communications due to a landlord's control over transmission facilities within a building, **we** believe the FCC has the jurisdiction to remedy the problem. Additionally, Section 224 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act gives the FCC the authority to require a utility to provide access to competitive telecommunications **carriers** to intra-building facilities.

We believe the FCC does have within its authority the proper tools to make a ruling on this issue. In this unprecedented period of increasing competition in **the telecommunications** industry, it would be unfortunate if residential and commercial building tenants were not given the opportunity to choose between carriers. We believe the FCC should **use** its authority to offer a **fair** and reasonable resolution that ensures that these tenants have access to the local **competitors** of their choice.

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